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OF PORCINE ISLETS

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Applicant submits that the filing of the accompanying information disclosure statement after the period specified in paragraph (b) of 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

Applicant states, as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (c), that the information contained in the information disclosure statement enclosed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the filing of the accompanying information disclosure statement without fees outlined as 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (p).

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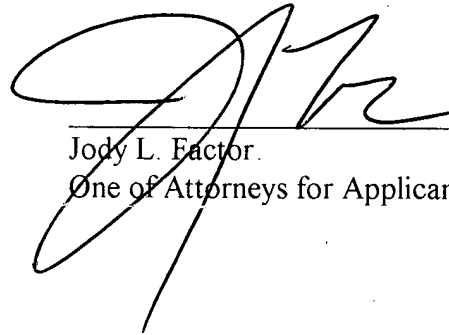
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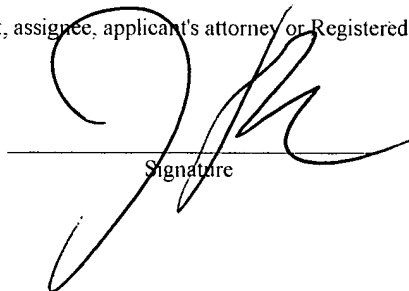
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